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Regular meetings of the Village Board are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm, except no fourth Tuesday meetings in the months of June, August and December.

Live streaming of Village Board meetings now available. Videotaped broadcasts of Village Board meetings air on Comcast Cable Television, Government Access Channel 6 or 110 Mondays at 7pm and online at www.youtube.com/oakbrooktv

Questions or comments? Contact us.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer despite the rainy beginnings and are looking forward to the fall season. Schools are now open and I would like to ask our residents to help keep our kids safe as they walk to/from our schools and/or bus stops by driving cautiously around bus stops, walking students and our schools.

I am happy to report that the Taste of Oak Brook was a tremendous success! Numbers were larger than we have seen in many years and we were graced with an absolutely beautiful day! Many thanks to all of our sponsors, especially the McDonald's Corporation, whose co-sponsorship of the Taste of Oak Brook and the fireworks display allows the Village to host this community event annually. The polo season was a great addition to the summer activities! Six dates held great matches and I was delighted to see so many of you at the polo matches. I was especially pleased to have the Delhi Polo team visit and play polo in Oak Brook on August 23rd. Their presence at polo brought out a huge crowd, which was fun and exciting to watch!

If you have not heard the news, the Village's Public Works Director/Village Engineer Mike Hulihan, has accepted the position of Executive Director for the DuPage County Forest Preserve. I would like to thank Mike Hulihan for his dedication and hard work he gave the Village over his seven-year tenure and wish him well in his new endeavor. Efforts are currently in motion to fill the position of Public Works Director.

At the August 11th Village Board meeting, a presentation was made by representatives of the Rush University Medical Center who have announced plans to construct a 95,000 sq.ft. orthopedic facility and a parking deck for 400+ cars on vacant property located at 2011 York Road. In order to construct this facility, Rush Medical will be required to submit an application and appear before the Village's Planned Development Committee (which is expected to occur by the end of this year). This announcement is great news for Oak Brook!!

As always, the Trustees, the staff, and I are available to you at all times. We are here to serve you. Feel free to call, email or meet any of us if you have any thoughts, ideas or concerns.

Kind regards,

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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear Friends and Residents:

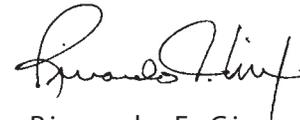
It is hard to believe the autumn is upon us. During the summer months, the Village Board and staff completed the 2016-2017 Strategic Plan in preparation for the 2016 budget process. The strategic planning process is done to provide a long range vision for the organization. The Village's Strategic Plan consists of goals, objectives and strategies for completion of each objective. These objectives are the measures which we will gauge the Village's performance in completion of our goals. Most importantly, our budget expenditures are tied directly to these items.

In preparation for the Strategic Planning process, the Department Directors held a planning session on Friday, May 8th. Then on Wednesday, June 17th, the Village Board and Department Directors held a combined Strategic Planning Session. The session consisted of discussion and interaction concerning specific goals the Board wished to focus their efforts on for the years of 2016-2017. The Board selected 6 specific goals and objectives to move forward with at the August 11th Board Meeting:

- 1. Promote Economic Development**
 - a. Plans and Codes That Encourage New Development
 - b. Diversify Housing Options
 - c. Promote Public/Private Partnerships
- 2. Financial Stability**
 - a. Address Pension Obligations
 - b. Preserve Management Rights in Negotiations
 - c. Lean Principles In Operations
- 3. Provide Safe, Efficient, Well Maintained Infrastructure**
 - a. Explore Funding Sources for Long-Termed Projects
 - b. Have a Reliable, Funded Capital Improvement Plan
 - c. Municipal Campus Capital Improvements
- 4. Promote And Enhance Oak Brook's Image**
 - a. Invest in High Quality Streetscape
 - b. Create a Sense of Community
 - c. Re-Foresting the Village
- 5. Maintain and Enhance Village Services to Residents, Businesses and Visitors**
 - a. Re-Focus on Core Services
 - b. Explore Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - c. Fiber Optic Availability to the Village
- 6. Human Resource Management**
 - a. Invest in the Village Work Force
 - b. Empowerment and Trust
 - c. Adherence to the Board/Manager Form of Government Enhanced Communication

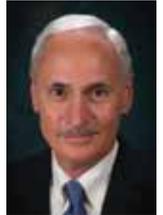
Additionally, the public is invited to attend budget discussions which will be held in October and November. Since the Village is on a calendar year budget, the 2016 budget will be adopted at the December Village Board meeting.

On a final note, I wish to thank Michael Hulihan, our outgoing Public Works and Engineering Director for his service to the Village these past seven years. Mike has accepted the Executive Director position with the DuPage County Forest Preserve District. Mike's last day with Oak Brook was August 21st.



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TASTE OF OAK BROOK

Festival of Food, Fun and Fireworks



July 3, 2015 was a beautiful day for the annual Taste of Oak Brook. A record crowd was out enjoying the day and the Taste was once again a tremendous success. This annual community event could not have been accomplished without the support of our dedicated sponsors. The Village would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the 2015 Taste of Oak Brook:

Sponsors

McDonald's, Evergreen Bank Group, Republic Services (Allied Waste), Mesirow Financial, Holland & Knight, VisoGraphics, Inland Real Estate, Paramedic Services Inc., Hub Group, Christopher Burke Engineering, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCanni & Krafthefer, P.C. and Hitchcock Design Services

Guest Booths

Oak Brook Park District
Oak Brook Polo Club
Hub Group
Evergreen Bank Group

Restaurants

Freshii Oak Brook
Gibsons Steakhouse
Kona Grill
Labriola Bakery & Café
McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks
Paul's Pizza & Hot Dog Inc.
Pinstripes Bowling Bocce & Bistro
Real Urban Barbeque
Shree
Tuscany Oak Brook

BY JAMES KRUGER

The Oak Brook Police Department, as I am sure most of you have, had a very busy summer once we made it through the cool, wet June and summer finally arrived. July brought the Taste of Oak Brook with its record crowds again this year. We are pleased to report that there were no arrests or major incidents and that traffic leaving at the end of the night did so in a very orderly fashion. We appreciate the cooperation of all who attended. It is a great family event for our community.

Over the past several months our Special Olympics Torch Run Committee have been hard at work planning the first ever charity golf outing at the Oak Brook Golf Club on August 28th. We wish to thank our major sponsors, including the Palumbo Family Foundation, Ditka's, The Drake Hotel and Real Urban Barbeque, as well as the seventeen other hole sponsors that made this event such a success. We will hit the gold level again this year with all of the wonderful community support we receive.

This summer also saw our third ever National Night Out celebration held in Oak Brook. We sponsored our second National Night Out Pool Party for the community with the wonderful help of the Bath and Tennis Club staff and Director Trey VanDyke. Our attendance of over 250 residents was double from the previous year. Many of our off duty personnel were there as well as were our great Citizen's Police Academy Alumni. Thank you to all of our residents who continue to support the Police Department and help us to make Oak Brook a truly special place to live and work.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind all our residents of the importance of keeping your personal identity and credit secure. Cybercrime affects all of us in one form or another. Keep your credit cards safe and when possible use credit rather than debit cards for purchases, especially restaurants when your card may leave your site. We continue to get calls about the IRS Scam and the Grandparent's Scam. The IRS will never call you; they will send you legitimate information by US Mail if you have any taxes owed, etc. The Grandparent's scam is especially

insidious because it plays on the emotions of a person for their family. Take the time to verify the person you are speaking to and call them back at a known number. A legitimate family member will understand. We also are getting word that the new chip credit cards may be able to be captured by someone with a smart phone app standing near you. There are new protective sleeves you can purchase to block the signal and keep your cards protected. Experts say the chances are slim as compared to hackers taking entire databases, but it may give some piece of mind.

As you receive this newsletter, school will already be in session. Please be careful driving near and around both of our schools and remember to stay off of cell phones while driving. Please help us keep Oak Brook safe.



**3rd ANNUAL CHARITY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
& OPEN HOUSE**

In preparation for Fire Prevention Week please join the Fire and Police Departments on Saturday, September 26, 2015 for our 3rd Annual Village of Oak Brook Police & Fire Charity Pancake Breakfast and Open House. Starting at 8:00 AM, come join us for food and fun at Fire Station 94 located at 1200 Oak Brook Road. All donations received will be shared between a number of charities.



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BY BARRY LISS

THE HISTORY OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8th, but did most of its destruction on October 9, 1871.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they'd been through; both fires produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Fire Prevention week officially kicks off on October 4-10, 2015. Firefighters will be visiting schools, daycare centers, and businesses during the entire month of October to make the public more aware of how fires start, how to prevent them, and how to be protected during a fire. Teaching fire prevention shouldn't be limited to kids and the schools and should be spread among adults. Make Fire Prevention a high priority at home.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more fire safety information.

"HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP"

Fires can start at any time without warning, therefore it is extremely important that the members of your household know how to react in the event of a fire. It is good practice to review fire prevention and safety tips with your family every fall, and several times throughout the year. There is nothing more important than the safety of your family.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep? Having and maintaining a working smoke alarm properly installed within 15 feet of every area within your home used for sleeping purposes saves lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire by half.

Carbon Monoxide detectors save lives and are also required by law. All Oak Brook residents should be protected, having a working carbon monoxide detector installed within 15' of every area within your home used for sleeping purposes. Due to a donation provided by First Alert and Ace Hardware Corporation, the Oak Brook Fire Department is able to offer carbon monoxide detectors, free of charge to our residents, while supplies last. You can obtain a free detector (one per household) at our main fire station at 1200 Oak Brook Road between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Please call ahead at (630) 368-5200 to insure we still have detectors available.

Daylight Savings ends on November 1st, when you change your clocks also check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, ensure they are working and change the batteries if necessary. It is also a good idea to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order. A good time to remember to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice a year as daylight savings time begins and ends.

SEASONAL FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As the weather begins to change and we enter into the autumn season, please follow a few safety hints.

Service Your Furnace

A qualified and licensed heating, ventilation and cooling specialist should inspect your furnace to make sure it is in proper working order.

Use Fireplaces Safely

Never leave a burning fire unattended. Make sure you have a screen to keep sparks or embers from flying out of the fireplace. Make sure the fire is out before going to bed.

Use Caution with Space Heaters

Always allow at least 3 feet of open area around a space heater. Never hang wet clothing on a space heater to dry.

Exercise Candle Caution

Never leave candles burning and unattended if you have kids or pets or if you leave your home or go to sleep.

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BY DOUG PATCHIN



FALL AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

As the weather starts to cool, Public Works and Engineering are preparing for Fall and Winter activities. Leaf pickup season will soon be upon us. The program, including service areas and schedules, is outlined in the next article. After leaf pickup is complete, Public Works will be doing its Fall tree planting. As tree losses from Emerald Ash Borer increase, the reforestation program will become more and more significant. While we are increasing the amount of resources devoted to this program, there may be some delay between removal of diseased Ash trees and replacement with a more suitable species. Public Works will also be doing the normal scheduled preventive maintenance on Village facilities. This is a good time for homeowners to do likewise. Insuring that gutters, downspouts and drains are clear of leaves will avoid water damage during winter freeze thaw cycles. Heating systems and filters should also be checked. Irrigation systems should be serviced and winterized. Should you have any questions on the leaf pickup program, seasonal maintenance, or street/forestry issues, please feel free to call us at 630-368-5270.

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Community Development Information

BY ROBERT KALLIEN

WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

The following is a list of activities **REQUIRING** permits from the Department of Community Development:

- Accessory structures including sheds, garages, retaining walls, etc.
- Additions to any structure, including decks and patios
- Alarm systems (electrical permit required for low voltage)
- Attached or detached garages
- Changes to an electrical system, including electric service upgrade
- Changes to the plumbing system
- Commercial telecommunications equipment including antennae and satellite dishes
- Concrete/Flat work (including steps, porches, and patios) - call for verification (630-368-5110)
- Demolition of any structure or interior which involves any structural change or removal/disconnection to the electric, gas, plumbing or water.
- Driveways - Contact the Engineering Department at (630) 368-5130
- Exterior changes to the façade, includes any changes to exterior wall covering including siding or Dryvit
- Fences, dog runs, gates, and entry monuments
- Generators and HVAC Equipment, including new, replacement, and additional units and/or equipment (Furnace, A/C Unit, Hot Water Heater, etc.)
- Interior remodeling which involves any structural change or modification/addition to the plumbing or electric system (Examples: changes to the interior walls including adding a wall, modifying an existing wall or removing any wall, etc.)
- Lawn sprinkler/irrigation systems
- New construction of residential, commercial, and office structures
- Office partitions
- Portable storage units, PODS, Etc., Ordinance G-861
- Replacing cabinets with structural alterations
- Roofing of any existing structure
- Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas
- Temporary Uses - Permits are required for tents, portable generators, temporary signs, etc.
- Windows and doors - New or Replacement

The following is a list of activities that **DO NOT REQUIRE** a building permit:

- Changing cabinet faces or counter tops (If a sink is not affected)
- Changing ceiling tiles
- Changing existing light fixtures or removing and resetting toilets (If not being relocated)
- Gutters and downspouts
- Replacing/repairing exterior siding or Dryvit if being replaced or repaired with same materials
- Normal "plug and cord" installation of household appliances, fixtures and systems.
- Painting, carpeting, tile, flooring, or floor covering
- Tuck pointing, caulking
- Glass-only window repairs



Still have questions? Please the Department of Community Development at 630-368-5101

NOTE: Properties located within certain subdivisions may be required by their homeowners association to obtain written architectural approval for any exterior changes on the property, per individual subdivision covenants. Check with the homeowner association prior to starting or applying for a permit for any exterior projects, including roofing, fences, detached garages, decks, patios, etc.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- Duchossois Redevelopment Project – The phase 1 foundation permit was issued last month for the commencement of the project located at 300 Windsor Drive to construct a new \$60+ million 245,000 square foot corporate facility for the Duchossois Group. Completion of construction is anticipated by early 2017.
- Oakbrook Center – There have been many changes and improvements in Oakbrook Center.
 - The AMC 12 movie theater core and shell permit was issued in May for the \$35 million commercial theater building.
 - The AMC 4 theaters located in the Center's lower level interior area has completed its work and is in full operation.
 - A Mitchell Gold & Bob Williams signature furniture store was issued a permit for the \$1.7 million space renovation. They are a multi-state and international high end furniture store.
 - Lilly Pulitzer is nearing completion of its interior \$450,000 renovation project.
 - The Gap continues with inspections in the \$753,000 renovation of its space.
- Other Commercial/Office Sites – New Tenants/Renovations
 - The tenant space for the new Labriola Pizza Bar is under renovation in a portion of the former Grotto restaurant space.
 - Xfinity has taken over the space at 3041 Butterfield and the renovations are in progress.
 - KeyLime Tie is about halfway through the interior renovation to the space at 3011 Butterfield.
 - U.S. Signal located at 810 Jorie Blvd has been issued a permit for \$439,000 in renovations.
 - Forward Space to be located at 1111 22nd Street was issued a permit for \$720,000 in interior renovations to construct an office design showroom.
 - Kellogg's completed its \$1.25 million renovation project at 700 Commerce Drive.
 - An amended "limited and partial" occupancy permit was issued for the Drake Hotel as part of their recent ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- Through August, permits for 14 new homes have been issued.

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Sports Core Information

BY TREY VANDYKE

For those of you who love changing weather, you got your wish this summer. We have had a little bit of everything. I am happy to report that all of our sports venues have remained active during these summer months. At the pool, parent volunteers are essential to operate our swim team. We owe a debt of gratitude to Anne Huber, Lara Barber, and all our parent volunteers. Without their efforts, we wouldn't have a swim team. Thank you!

Local golfers hit the links at our Oak Brook Golf Club on August 1 & 2 to determine our club champions. Ed Kelly won the Open Division. The remaining men's winners are: A Flight – Alan Unikel, B Flight – Arman Hussein, C Flight – Amit Puri, Senior Champion – Ajay Singh, and Super Senior Champion – Tim Creighton. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated.

As always we encourage you to use our beautiful facilities for your next special event. Please contact Tammy Perri at (630) 368-6442 for availability and rates.

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Information Technology Department

BY JIM FOX

VILLAGE WEBSITE RE-DESIGN The Village website www.oak-brook.org just underwent a 6 month re-design process. With the new design the Village will be able to increase our community engagement and enhance the communication between Village residents, businesses, and visitors' with the Village government and local resources.

The new website offers improved functionality, faster access to information, more online services, simplified navigation, and more. Going beyond Oak Brook residents' requests for improved communication and online services, the new site offers much improved organization and an enhanced aesthetic showcasing the community. Specific improvements include a "Notify Me" feature, where individuals are able to subscribe to specific news items, such as news or calendar postings, which will appear on the Village website. When any of these items are posted, the subscriber will receive either a text message or email containing the requested information. Another new feature includes the ability to "Report a Concern" from a link off the homepage. After completing a short online form, the user will receive notification that their report has been received and subsequent updates regarding their submission.

Visit our site today to learn about the new tools at your fingertips. Stay connected to the Village and the things that matter most to you. Visit www.oak-brook.org and see for yourself!

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Village Clerk

BY CHARLOTTE PRUSS

LIVE STREAMING — VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Live streaming of Village Board meetings is now available.

The Village Board typically meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Live streaming can be viewed via the Village's website at www.oak-brook.org under the Government heading, then go to Village Board, and then to Live Stream. If you have questions regarding this, please contact Charlotte Pruss, Village Clerk, at 630/368-5052.

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Library Calendar and Events

BY SUE MADORIN

FALL CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27 @ 2 pm Anatoliy Torchinskiy

Perennial favorite **Anatoliy Torchinskiy** comes back to the library to showcase his magnificent talent. A native of Kiev, Mr. Torchinskiy has performed in Italy, New York, Michigan and Wisconsin as well as Chicago with companies such as da Corneto Opera and Genesis Opera and has played live on WFMT radio. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, October 3 @ 2 pm Classical Music Concert, with Violin and Piano

This one hour performance by local resident Dr. Robert Hariman on violin is accompanied by pianist Nancy Hagen performing classical music. Refreshments are provided after the ceremony, courtesy of the performers.

Saturday, October 10 @ 2 pm Roadmap to the Stars: the Night Sky Explained

Astronomer Kevin Manning returns! When you wish upon a star, wouldn't it be good to know which star it is and what constellation it lies in? Objects in the night sky can be pinpointed with a little understanding of the celestial sphere and its coordinates. Hands-on activities using star charts will serve to bring the point home. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, October 24 @ 2 pm Jeanette Andrews: Magic

Nationally hailed as "an inspiration," Jeanette Andrews has a thought-provoking take on the art of the impossible. Jeanette has performed live for thousands across the country at private events. Jeanette presents a distinctive blend of interactive pieces of magic and illusions choreographed to music inspired by ideas about the importance of perception.

Saturday, November 7 @ 2 pm The Chicago Stories of Edith Wyatt Performance: "Every One His Own Way"

This exquisite historical fiction performance of the lives of Chicago characters in the 1890's is reenacted by renowned **actress Michele LaRue**. Learn about the history of Chicago through brilliant characters brought to life.

Saturday, November 14 @ 2 pm Sentimental Journey

Sentimental Journey features the vocals of **Nora Drysch** performing standards ranging from the 30s to the early 60s, showcasing various artists, tempos, and languages, accompanied by a full sound of recorded background instrumentation. This one-hour musical excursion to the past includes more than a dozen vocal numbers interspersed with musically-related trivia questions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, November 21 @ 2 pm Remembering Marshall Field's

For more than 150 years, Marshall Field and Company reigned as Chicago's leading department store. Join historian Leslie Goddard in this lavishly illustrated talk that traces the store's history from its beginnings as a dry good store in 1852 into a world-class fashion and service trendsetter. Discover the traditions behind the 28 Shop, Uncle Mistletoe, the bronze clocks, and, of course, Frango Mints. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, December 5 @ 2 pm Robyn Vitson: Christmas Music

Join Robyn Vitson for a medley of Christmas songs sure to delight the hearts of all-ages. For those brutal Midwest Winters, Robyn is here to warm up the spirits. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Saturday, December 12 @ 2 pm The Battle of the Bulge

War historian Robert Mueller gives a powerful and emotional presentation with original footage and behind the scenes biographies of some of the most outstanding soldiers. Mueller's books give original photos along with geographically accurate coordinates to find exactly where the incidents happen: by foot or by armchair travel on Google Earth. This is a lecture not to be missed by any history fan.

Director's Message

Fall in love with Oak Brook Public Library this season! Whether it is travel books detailing a weekend getaway or the latest cooking magazine with a rustic recipe, the Library has your interest needs covered. Recently, the Library added a hundred new travel guides, removing many that were outdated.

Need a place to study? The Library has quiet personal study rooms, tables where you can spread out, or cozy chairs to curl up in. When studying becomes too overwhelming, take a break and flip through one of the 100 magazines to which the Library subscribes.

Are you looking for a new recommendation for a book? Talk to our one of our knowledgeable staff members. They can suggest a great book or DVD.

Not certain where to hold your next meeting? Talk with our Office Coordinator who can give you details about reserving the Library's Meeting Room space. With brand new flip-top tables and chairs, the Meeting Room can accommodate up to 100 people. Be warned, you must have an Oak Brook Library card to reserve the room.

Whether it is for fun, business or school, the Oak Brook Public Library has a wealth of resources. As the seasons change, so does the Library.

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Finance Information

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BUDGETING FOR THE FUTURE

The Village's budget is a management plan that details how valuable resources will be allocated to address community priorities and organizational objectives for the Village of Oak Brook. The Village of Oak Brook's process is underway for developing its budget for the next fiscal year (January 1 – December 31, 2016).

- 1 The strategic plan was presented to the Board at the August 11th Village Board meeting. The strategic plan outlines and guides the annual budget process.
- 2 The 2016 budget process begins with the department directors submitting their funding requests to the Village Manager and AVM/Finance Director by September.
- 3 The Village Manager and Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director consider funding requests as a starting point to develop a draft budget. In September, there will be numerous meetings with key staff to discuss and evaluate funding requests. Adjustments are made as deemed appropriate and reports are prepared in October. Copies of the finalized draft budget will be posted online and available for viewing at the Village Hall and Library in late October.
- 4 The Village Board will hold budget workshop meetings in November to discuss the 2016 proposed budget. Residents are invited to attend these meetings.
- 5 At the December 8th regularly scheduled Village Board meeting, a public hearing will take place regarding the 2016 Budget. Residents may participate in the public hearing.
- 6 Given the outcome of the public hearing, the adoption of the final budget may occur during the same Board meeting.

GET INVOLVED

The budget is an ongoing process combining citizen input, Village Board vision and direction, and staff recommendations to meet community needs. The Village of Oak Brook is required by law to adopt a balanced budget that is open to citizen input and participation. Each resident can have a voice in deciding what the budget will be spent on and how it will be paid for before it is adopted.

Budget comments and suggestions may be submitted in a number of ways:

- Email AVM/Finance Director Sharon Dangles, sdangles@oak-brook.org
- Reach out to the Village President and Board of Trustees
- Attend a Village Board meeting (second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., 1200 Oak Brook Rd.) and speak during the Public Comment portion.
- Attend a Budget Workshop held during November, 1200 Oak Brook Rd.

CITIZEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village of Oak Brook is pleased to release its second "Citizens Annual Financial Report". This report is designed to provide transparency and accountability of Village financial information, which is a key organizational goal. The report is designed to provide a summary view for citizens who wish to gain a general understanding of the Village's financial activities and position. The 2013 Citizens Annual Financial Report received a national award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the 2014 report has been submitted for review. The Village has also received national recognition from the GFOA for 37 consecutive years on its annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the quality of its disclosures and presentation. In addition, the Village's annual budget received its 3rd award from the GFOA for its usefulness as a planning tool and policy document.

All of these financial reports along with other financial documents are available on the Village's website at www.oak-brook.org.

UPDATE ON PENSION FUNDING

Recently, the Village Board approved a 2015 Village contribution of 36.95% of payroll for police officers and 49.70% of payroll for firefighters. This will result in an estimated \$2.8M of 2015 Village pension contributions.

In addition, the Board plans to consider providing additional funding to the pension funds based upon further review of finances in November. The additional funding of pensions will reduce the Village's unfunded liability of Police and Fire pensions, which currently is over \$35M.

SALES TAX UPDATE

General Sales tax (General Corporate Fund) - Through September, we are \$108,694 or 1.1% lower than budget projections and \$220,264, or 2.4% higher compared to the prior year.

Non-home rule sales tax - (which supports the construction and maintenance of roadways, drainage and safety pathway systems) Through September, we are \$205,642, or 5.1% higher compared to budget projections and \$275,980, or 6.9% higher compared to the prior year.

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